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Passport Seva Kendra now silk showroom!

- MDA constructs new building for Passport Seva Kendra but leases it for 20 years to a private silk showroom
- No alternative building provided for Passport Seva Kendra

The newly built structure, owned by Mysuru Development Authority on Lokaranjan Mahal Road, is being designed by private individuals to suit their convenience.

'Can't be diverted for private use'

"Public facilities must not be denied to citizens. This is a serious matter and I will formally bring it to the notice of the concerned Ministry, urging corrective action. The Government building constructed by the MDA in Ittigegud for the Passport Office has, for several years, not been used for its intended purpose and now has been handed over to a private organisation. This is highly irregular and a grave violation of the rules. A building constructed with public funds for public service cannot be diverted for private use. I will write to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, who is also the MDA Chairman, seeking an inquiry and action as per rules. The Passport Seva Kendra has not been shifted from its present location to the purpose-built Government building due to the lack of an alternative Government facility to accommodate it. As several Government offices are currently operating from rented private buildings, a dedicated Government building could instead be used to house such offices, reducing dependence on private premises."

—Yaduveer Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK,BLU& BCT)- The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) has handed over a newly constructed building near Mysuru Zoo — originally intended to house a Passport Seva Kendra and the office of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) — to private parties, triggering serious concerns over the use of public assets.

The building has been leased to a private silk showroom for a monthly rent of Rs. 4 lakh, with an advance of Rs. 5 lakh collected. As per the 20-year lease agreement, rent is to be paid once every six months, with a 10 percent hike every three years.

(See SHOWROOM on page 6)

Missing in action...

- Rs. 2.5-crore Mobile Command Centre stationed elsewhere as blast occurs near Palace on busy tourist weekend
- Yesterday the Mobile Command Centre was parked unused at CAR Grounds because there was no driver!

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&BS)- While the Mysore Palace and its surroundings were teeming with visitors and tourists on Thursday evening during the helium cylinder blast where three persons were killed, the Mobile Command Centre — launched by the City Police in 2018 to assist personnel in maintaining law and order during large gatherings — was inexplicably stationed at Udayagiri Circle in the northern part of the city.

In a startling development, sources confirmed that the Mobile Command Centre was neither summoned nor deployed at the blast site following the explosion of a helium cylinder near the Jayamarthanda Gate.

(See CENTRE on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 28th December 2025

Dr. MGR Urs' book released

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MK&DM)- Limerick poet Dr. MGR Urs' book 'Ursu Chutuku Chittaragalu,' edited by Jahnavi Seetalakshmi Verma, was released at a programme organised by the city's Anveshana Seva Trust at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here recently.

Former Minister Rani Satish, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that Limerick gives a humorous form to literature and enthrals the minds of the readers. She recalled the contribution of top women writers such as Triveni and Anupama Niranjana to limerick works.

She further said that the book has reviewed the limericks scripted by over 20 women writers in a magnificent manner.

Former Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Padma Shekar, Educationist Bhramara Bahaddur, former Bengaluru Kanteerava Studios Chairperson Vijayalakshmi Urs, former Doordarshan and Akashvani Director Dr. Nirmala C. Yeligar, the book editor Jahnavi Seetalakshmi Yeligar, Dr. MGR Urs and others were present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SIGNIFICANCE OF MARGAZHI: ***Tamil month Margazhi, which falls between mid December and mid January, is considered holy and spiritual. Dr. Venkatesh, in a discourse, narrated various reasons for the same. Swamy Vedanta Desika says in "Tatparya Chandrika" that during this month, clouds assume a motherly nature. Just as a fetus in the womb silently absorbs nourishment from the mother, the clouds during this period absorb abundant water. It is a sign of prosperity, foretelling copious rainfall in the year ahead*** *(Varsha Garbha Dhanatvat)*. ***This is called "Garbhottam" in Tamil.***

Margazhi is not merely a month. It is a divine invitation to awakening, surrender, and spiritual elevation. The cool climate, calm mornings, serene atmosphere, and physical discipline and mental purity naturally support devotional practice. Scriptures affirm that spiritual practices performed in Margazhi grant divine grace and ultimately moksha. The sacred Tiruppavai, sung by Andal is observed exclusively in Margazhi. These verses encapsulate vedanta, bhakti and surrender, making the month spiritually complete. Lord Krishna Himself declares in the Bhagavad Gita *"Maasanaam Maargasirshoham"* ***— "among months, I am Margazhi". Margazhi is marked by early morning worship and is associated with "Brahma Muhurtha" — the most auspicious time for prayers and devotion when sattva guna predominates. Celestials in Srivaikunta also observe worship during this time. The entire month of Margazhi is dedicated exclusively to worship.***

This month is exclusively dedicated to reciting the "Tamil Vedas" *(Nalayira Divya Prabhandam* ***sung by the Azhwars).*** *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Seal jumps on boat to escape whales

Washington: A group of amateur whale watchers off the coast of Washington's Camano Island captured video when a seal jumped onto their boat to escape a pod of killer whales.

Photographer Charvet Drucker captured video of the encounter when she and her friends spotted the pod of orcas in the Saratoga Passage.

The group noticed the killer whales were engaging in predation behaviour with a seal. The group shut off the boat's engine and just over a half hour later, the seal came closer than expected and jumped on the boat.

The whale watchers said the orcas circled the boat in search of the seal, but gave up and left after about 15 minutes. The group eventually headed back toward shore, with the seal still on deck.

Angler takes video of pink platypus

Gippsland: An Australian angler spotted what he initially thought to be a massive trout and ended up capturing video of something even stranger: a pink platypus.

Victoria resident Cody Stylianou said he was casting his line in Gippsland when he came across the unusually-coloured mammal, which he dubbed Pinky.

He said the platypus stood out from the others of its species that he's spotted in the area.

The videos sparked speculation that the platypus could have a pigmentation mutation like albinism or leucism, but researchers said that does not appear to be the case.

"Platypus do vary a lot in colour. And this one at the extreme end of the light ones. It's not one that we consider should be added to the list of albino and leucistic ones," Jeff Williams, director of the Australian Platypus Conservancy, said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Blood Supply to the Heart Changes With Demand

Heart arteries automatically widen or narrow based on activity and stress. Disease limits this flexibility, which explains exertion-related symptoms.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Sports Day at Alphacubs Preschool

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Alphacubs Preschool, Kuvempunagar, celebrated Sports Splash 2025 here recently. The week-long event was designed not just to introduce children to sports, but also to help them build important life skills such as confidence, teamwork, coordination and willingness to participate.

Children enjoyed a variety of fun-filled activities including Mini Olympics, relay events, balance games, track races, yoga, freeze dance and several energetic fitness games.

On the final day, parents also joined in the celebration, making it a memorable experience. Their participation added joy and excitement, turning the event into a beautiful moment.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.89 feet**	Today's level **2,275.84 feet**	Today's level **2,828.16 feet**
Last year's level **124.66 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.21 feet**
Friday's level **123.90 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.03 feet**
Yesterday's Inflow **2,327 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **519 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **309 cusecs**
Yesterday's Outflow **2,295 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Some spiders jump!:*** *Not all spiders stay in webs! Jumping spiders are tiny spiders with great vision and they can leap really far to catch their prey or move around.*
- ***Wolf Spider:*** *These spiders don't spin webs — they chase down their prey like a wolf!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Parent: *You have charged me for three extractions, but John had only one tooth extracted.*
Dentist: *Yes, but John made such a terrible noise, that two of my patients ran away!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 89.81**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 121.20**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.45**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 105.79**

VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru city's traffic tech gap

Sir,

It is rather disconcerting to note that Mysuru continues to introduce traffic signal systems rooted in obsolete technology.

Despite being promoted as one of India's leading smart cities, Mysuru still relies heavily on fixed-time traffic signals that operate on preset intervals, without considering real-time traffic volume or road conditions.

While such systems may have served their purpose in earlier years, they are increasingly ineffective in today's rapidly evolving urban environment. Their continued use only worsens traffic congestion, causes unnecessary fuel consumption and contributes significantly to rising air pollution.

For a growing city like Mysuru, these inefficiencies affect not only commuters but also the overall quality of urban life.

In contrast, metropolitan cities such as Bengaluru have successfully adopted Vehicle Actuated and Adaptive (VAC) traffic signal systems. These modern systems utilise sensors and surveillance cameras to assess vehicle density and dynamically adjust signal timings, ensuring smoother traffic flow and reduced waiting times.

The benefits of this transition are well-documented. Reports by the Bengaluru Traffic Police indicate that adaptive signals installed at over 100 major junctions have led to a 25-30 percent reduction in congestion and travel time, along with improvements in fuel efficiency and air quality.

Electronics City stands as a compelling example, where intelligent traffic management, rather than expensive infrastructure projects, effectively addressed traffic challenges.

Mysuru would do well to follow this proven model and bridge its traffic technology gap.

—Kharisma Shafrani,
Student of Journalism and Mass Communication
Mysuru
22.12.2025

Correspondence course in Kannada for non-Kannadiga Govt. servants

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The Directorate of Kannada and Culture, in association with Mysuru-based CIIL (Central Institute of Indian Languages), has invited registration from non-Kannadiga Government servants (serving in Town and City Municipalities, Electricity Companies, Transport Corporations, Universities, Schools and Colleges, Government-aided Institutions and bodies, Nationalised Banks etc.,) for 12-month Kannada language correspondence course.

Such Government servants, who register for the course, are exempted from the Kannada exam conducted by the KPSC, until they clear the course.

The registration for the course is now also open to members of the public. Any person, who has passed SSLC and is in the age group of 18 to 50 years, can register. The Correspondence Course will start from January 2026. For prescribed application form and more details, contact the In-Charge Officer, Kannada Correspondence course, CIIL, Manasagangothri, Hunsur Road, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2345128. Last date to apply is Jan. 10, 2026, according to a press release.

Grand celebration of Vijay Diwas

War Memorial inaugurated at St. Philomena's College

Mysuru, Dec. 28- St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Bannimantap, Mysuru, commemorated Vijay Diwas in a grand and solemn ceremony on Dec. 16, marking India's decisive victory in the Indo-Pak War and the Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971. [Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on July 26 in commemoration of the Kargil War].

The celebration was a collaborative effort by the 3 Kar Naval and 16 Kar Battalion - NCC Units, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Institution's Innovation Council.

The event remembered the valour, sacrifice and indomitable spirit of the Indian Armed Forces.

The highlight of the day was the inauguration and wreath-laying at the newly erected War Memorial, a tribute conceived and executed jointly by IQAC and NCC Units of the college.

Rev. Dr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector, led the tributes by placing the first wreath at the memorial, honouring the memory of the brave martyrs.

This was followed by floral tributes by other dignitaries present, symbolising the institution's respect and gratitude for the defenders of the nation.

Rev. Fr. Gnana Pragasam, Campus Administrator; Rev. Fr. S. David Sagarayaj, Assistant to the Rector; Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, Principal; Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice-Principal; Dr. C. A. Noor Mubasher, PG Coordinator; Dr. Reena Francis, Controller of Examinations; C. Anand, Dean of Academic Affairs and Lydia Anjali, UUCMS Coordinator, were among those present.

The event was supported by the following NCC and IQAC Coordinators: Sub. Lt. Eliezer Vishwas (ANO, 3 Kar Naval Unit - NCC); Francis Devasahayam (CTO, 16 Kar Battalion - NCC); A. Thomas Gunaseelan (IQAC - Coordinator) and Dr. V. Deepa (IQAC - Co-Coordinator).

The celebrations underscored the College's commitment to instilling values of patriotism, discipline and national service among its students.

The dignitaries emphasised the historical significance of Dec. 16 and the importance of remembering the sacrifices that secured the nation's integrity.

The War Memorial at St. Philomena's College will stand as a permanent source of inspiration and a reminder of the historical event for the current and future generations of students.

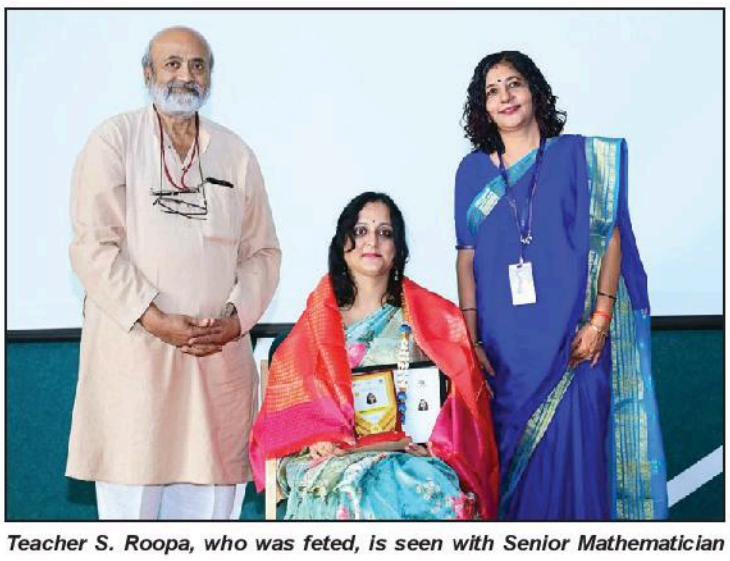
Quest Academy hosts Quantum Experientia - Season 02

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Quest Academy, Mysuru, hosted ***Quantum Experientia - Season 02*** on Dec. 21, continuing its commitment to fostering experiential and interdisciplinary learning.

The programme offered an engaging, hands-on educational experience that seamlessly integrated physics and mathematics through immersive experimentation and conceptual exploration.

The event witnessed participation of over 100 students. The sessions were led by Ankith Rathore, IIT Bombay alumnus and Physics Educator, who captivated learners with engaging demonstrations and practical applications that brought theoretical concepts vividly to life.

Following his session, Prof. V. Sivashankara Sastry, a distinguished Science and Mathematics Communicator, deepened curiosity and understanding by illustrating complex ideas through relatable examples. His creative approach made Mathematical thinking tangible, enjoyable and easy to grasp.



Teacher S. Roopa, who was feted, is seen with Senior Mathematician Prof. V. Sivashankara Sastry and Quest Academy Principal Veena Mani.

Complementing these sessions, the AI Gnana team added a futuristic dimension to the event by showcasing how AI tools can enhance conceptual understanding and transform the world of STEM education.

On the occasion, teachers, who actively participated in the experiential sessions and shared valuable insights, were feted.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up its emergency maintenance works and 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Jyothinagar and South Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Dec. 29 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, Police Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Netajinagar, KSRTC Layout, Nandini Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Doctors Layout, Gayathri Layout, Vasavi Shanthidhama and surrounding areas, Srirampura 2nd Stage, Ramabainagar, Mahadevapura, Jayanagar 1st to 20th Cross, Parasayyanahundi, Shivapura, Kuvempunagar 'K' Block, Apollo BGS Hospital, Chikkaharadanahalli, Gorur village, Kalalavadi, Kotehundi, Yadahalli, Rayanakere, Saraswathipuram 1st Main to 6th Main, K.G. Koppal and surrounding areas.

KDA Chairman to visit Mysuru

Kannada Development Authority (KDA) Chairman Dr. Purushottam Bilimale will arrive in Mysuru on Dec. 30 at 10 am and will take part in the 'Maadhyamadalli Kanaka Pragne' programme organised by Santakavi Kanakadasa Mattu Tatvapada-kaara Adhyayana Kendra at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 10.30 am.

Talk on Migration

A Talk on 'Migration' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, has been arranged at Government Hostel for PU Girls, Adi Pampa Road, V.V. Mohalla, on Dec. 29 at 6 pm.

Training

Jana Shikshana Samsthe, patronised by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, is conducting a 6-week long training in Domestic Care Attendant / Nursing Assistant, in association with JSS Hospital. Training commences from Jan. 8. SSLC passed candidates in the age group of 18 to 30 years can apply. [Mob: 94821-48271, 94482-83827]

Vivekananda Jayanti competitions

Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Mysuru will be organising patriotic song, drawing, recitation of Vivekananda quotes, essay writing, Vivekananda's dress competition as part of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations for nursery to degree students and also for seniors aged above 25 years on Jan.4, 2026 from 10 am at #2830, 1st Main, Jayanagar. For details, contact Mob: 94494-88228.

Govt. must frame rules for Ayurveda surgery practice

The book 'Rasashastra Yevam Baishajyakalpanaa' was released by dignitaries during the valedictory of the International Seminar on 'Intersecting Nutrition, Lifestyle Medicine and Sustainable Health Care' at SDM-IMD auditorium on Chamundi Hill Road in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (PM&DM)- "The State Government should come up with a policy that allows Ayurveda practitioners to perform surgery", said SDM Ayurveda Institutions Director Dr. Prasanna N. Rao.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the two-day International conference on "Intersecting Nutrition, Lifestyle Medicine and Sustainable Health Care" organised by Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital with the theme 'Ahara Vihara-Arogya Vichara' at SDM-IMD premises on Chamundi Hill Road here yesterday.

Pointing out that the Union Government in 1970 allowed Ayurveda doctors to perform surgeries in Shalya, Shalakhya and Prasooti Tantras, Dr. Prasanna said that Ayurveda practitioners in the State should get united for seeking permission from the Government for performing surgeries. The elected representatives too should extend their support for this, he added.

Noting that the Union Government has introduced AYUSH Visa, he said that this Visa will enable Ayurveda doctors to serve in countries where there are opportunities.

Stating that there are many schemes for establishment of Hospitals, he called upon the Ayurveda practitioners to make full use of all available opportunities. He further said that Ayurveda doctors too should be covered under the Karnataka Prohibition of Violence Against Medicare Service Personnel and Damage to Property in Medicare Service Institutions Act.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa and England's Ayurveda academic expert Dr. Vijayendra S. Murthy too spoke on the occasion.

Former Special officer of AYUSH Department Dr. N. Anjaneyamurthy was conferred with 'Cauvery Ayurveda Guru Tilaka' award and Sirsi's Government Ayurveda Hospital Medical Officer Dr. Jagadish Vishnuyaji was conferred with 'Cauvery Ayurveda Vaidya Shreshta' award on the occasion. Also, 'Rasashastra Yevam Bhaishajyakalpanaa', a book written by Dr. H.K. Anuroopa and Dr. V.S. Sharma was released.

Cauvery Educational Institutions President Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Managing Director Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Mandya's Maharaja Educational Trust President Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, SDM-IMD Director Dr. S.N. Prasad, Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital Director Dr. N .Krishnaprasad, Principal Dr. S.N. Ramachandra, Medical Superintendent Dr. V. Poornima, Mandya's Maharaja Institute of Ayurvedic Medical Sciences and Hospital Principal Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Medical Superintendent Dr. R. Jayaraj and others were present.

Emission testing in State hit as hologram supply dries up

Bengaluru, Dec. 28 (Agencies)- Karnataka's vehicle emission monitoring system has all but collapsed, with over 400 Pollution Under Control (PUC) centres across the State shutting down after the Transport Department failed to supply mandatory hologram stickers for nearly a month.

Most of the affected centres are located at petrol bunks, disrupting routine emission testing and leaving thousands of motorists without valid PUC certificates, thereby exposing them to penalties during enforcement checks. Industry representatives have termed the situation a forced shutdown.

"We have had to keep our shutters down for the past eight days," said B.R. Ravindranath, former President, Karnataka State Petroleum Dealers' Association.

"Out of nearly 2,600 PUC centres in the State, a majority are now non-functional. Without hologram stickers, certificates cannot be issued," he said.

Mandatory to prevent forgery

The crisis is due to delays in getting and distributing security holograms, which are needed to prevent forgery. Because of this, testing centres cannot function, vehicle owners cannot follow the law, and police are forced to enforce rules that the Government has made impossible to follow.

The disruption comes at a time when the State is advocating cleaner mobility and stricter emission norms, highlighting administrative bottlenecks and poor inter-departmental coordination within the Transport Department.

A senior officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the proposal for procuring holograms has been pending clearance for nearly two months.

"It was delayed for various reasons and has now been sent to the Finance Department. There is no clarity on how long it will take. Around a month ago, five lakh hologram stickers were released as an emergency measure, but that stock has been exhausted," the officer said.

Meanwhile, complaints have surfaced about unscrupulous elements using fake holograms to continue operations at some emission centres.

With no clear timeline for restoring supplies, pressure is mounting on the Government to act swiftly and normalise emission testing across the State.

MUDA Site Scam

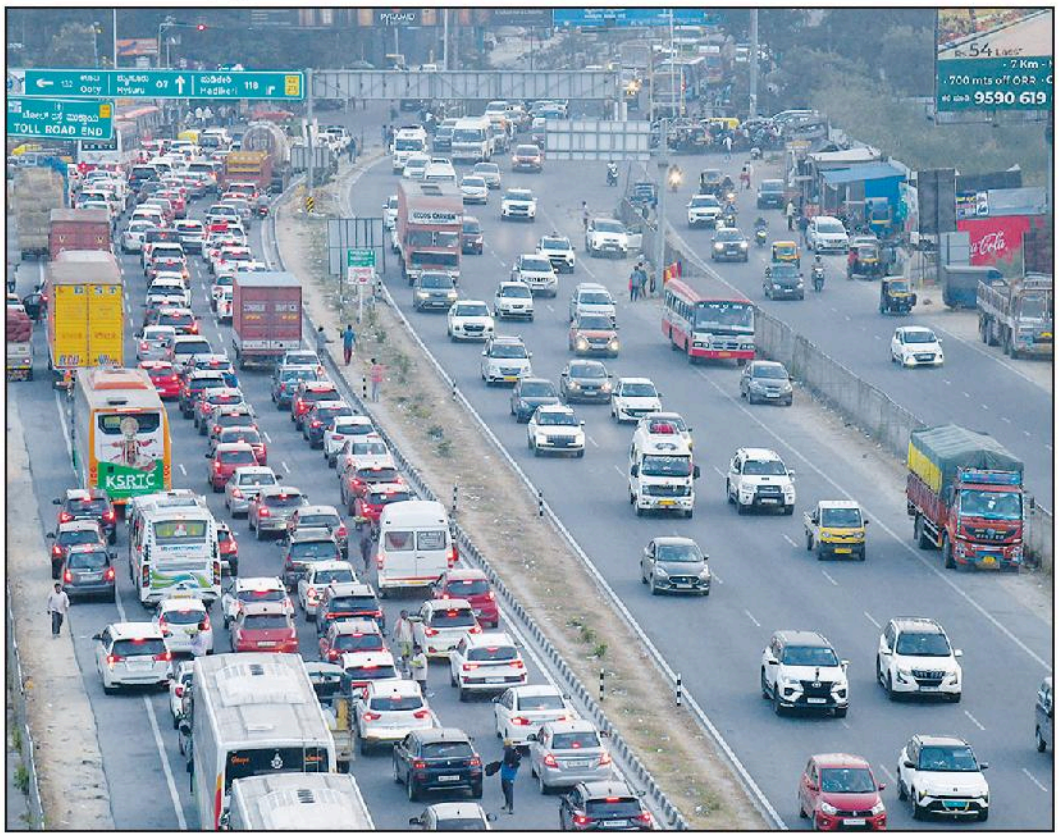
Bengaluru Court adjourns hearing to Jan. 5

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BLU&VNS)- The Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru has adjourned the hearing of petition filed by Snehamayi Krishna challenging the 'B' Report filed by Lokayukta against Chief Minister and three others in MUDA Site Scam to Jan. 5.

Snehamayi Krishna, in his written argument submitted to the Court, has alleged that the Lokayukta investigating officer had filed a 'B' Report concealing the facts in the case and added that an application had been filed in Court seeking for continuation of the investigation stating that fresh evidences had emerged during the investigation was only to delay the Court proceedings to protect the accused.

"The investigating officer has proved to be a stumbling block in my efforts to ensure the accused were punished in the case. In this regard the 'B' report has to be rejected and an opportunity must be given to prove my allegations. Additionally, a contempt of Court case has to filed against Investigating Officer T.K. Udesh for misleading the Court," said Krishna.

Holiday rush
brings traffic to a crawl



Traffic congestion on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway, particularly on the Mysuru-bound stretch, as large numbers of people travelled to Mysuru and surrounding destinations during the extended Christmas and New Year holidays. Tourist footfall has increased not only in Mysuru but also in Madikeri and other nearby towns.

Commercialisation of Chamundi Hill

Citizens' Walk on Jan. 4 to protect ecology

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- Concerned over the rapid ecological degradation of Mysuru's iconic Chamundi Hill, citizens and environmental groups have organised a Citizens' Walk on Jan. 4, 2026, to draw attention to the growing impact of unchecked construction, traffic and commercial activity on the sacred Hill.

The walk will begin at 7.30 am from the Chamundi Hill footsteps near the JSS Mutt. Organisers have appealed to eco-warriors, senior citizens, environmental experts, educational institutions, artists and religious leaders to participate and support efforts to protect the Hill's ecological balance and spiritual sanctity.

According to the organisers, Chamundi Hill — revered for its religious, ecological and geological significance — is under increasing pressure due to rising visitor numbers and infrastructure expansion, including the proposed works under the PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme.

They emphasised that any development on Hill must adhere to a conservation-first approach, supported by scientific studies. Environmental groups have pointed out that parts of the Hill have already witnessed slope failures in recent years, due to road widening, excavation, drainage alterations and unregulated construction. Severe plastic pollution remains another major concern, with large quantities of plastic waste — including bottles, bags and disposable offerings — accumulating on Hill.

Such waste, activists say, blocks drainage channels, reduces soil permeability and accelerates erosion, despite periodic clean-up drives. They have raised an alarm over illegal constructions and encroachments that have emerged without environmental clearances, thereby increasing built-up pressure on sensitive slopes and disrupting wildlife movement. In addition, untreated or partially treated sewage from existing facilities is said to be flowing into natural drains, contaminating soil and water bodies downhill.

Vishwanath flags security lapses at Mysore Palace

MLC questions CM Siddaramaiah's silence after three deaths in his hometown

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BLU&DM)- In the wake of the tragic incident in which a balloon seller and two pedestrians were killed when a helium cylinder burst while filling a balloon near the Jayamarthanda Gate of the Mysore Palace on Thursday night, MLC A.H. Vishwanath has raised serious concerns over the safety and security of the heritage monument, which attracts thousands of visitors every day.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Vishwanath said the Mysore Palace is a heritage structure housing rare photographs and artworks, but is not being maintained in a manner befitting a heritage city. He alleged that safety and security arrangements at the Palace were inadequate despite heavy daily footfall.

Dysfunctional CCTVs

"The Palace draws huge crowds every day, yet security appears lax. CCTV cameras in the Palace premises often remain dysfunctional. Even after such a major tragedy near the Palace, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who hails from Mysuru, has not spoken a word so far," he said.

A.H. Vishwanath

Drawing a comparison with London's Buckingham Palace, Vishwanath said visitors are not allowed unrestricted access there, whereas in Mysuru, the absence of regulation has resulted in safety and security being compromised.

He urged the authorities to take serious note of the cylinder blast incident and immediately tighten security measures in and around the Palace to ensure the safety of tourists.

The MLC also alleged that a fake silk saree racket was operating in the city, with unscrupulous elements duping tourists. "Tourists who unknowingly buy fake silk sarees end up cursing Mysureans as cheaters," he said.

No need for AHINDA meet

Commenting on plans by supporters of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to hold an 'AHINDA' (an acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits) convention in Mysuru, Vishwanath remarked that the Congress party itself represents AHINDA and that there was no need for such a convention. "There is no one within the Congress to question this," he alleged.

He further claimed that the Congress high command was unwilling to make Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who, as KPCC President, played a key role in bringing the party to power, the Chief Minister, despite more than half the Assembly tenure being completed.

Vishwanath lashed out at Siddaramaiah for neglecting his home district of Mysuru by not prioritising safety and security at tourist destinations, especially when tourism is a major source of revenue for the region.

'Karnataka rich in folk arts compared to other States'

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&VNS)- Karnataka is rich in folklore compared to other States in the country, said noted Folklore expert Dr. P.K. Rajashekar here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating a programme titled 'Sharanende Bhoomi Taayige,' organised by Karnataka Janapada Academy at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises, Dr. Rajashekar said that the State Government must provide funds to safeguard the folk arts and Academy as it has become difficult to protect the folk arts owing to lack of funds.

Stating that the Academy must initiate measures to publish about various folk arts, he said that there were many old proverbs, puzzles, stories, historical and mythological stories, food among other which needs to be researched and documented.

"There are about 18 different family vocations which are found in rural areas. These have to be recorded and published," he said and added that it was a proud matter that epics such as Manteswamy, Mahadeshwara, Mahabharata, Ramayana, Gunjappa, Yellamma Devi among others were published from our State.

Karnataka Janapada Academy President Dr. Gollahalli Shivaprasad, Registrar N. Namratha, Department of Women and Child Welfare former Director Muniraju, Academy Member Mysore Umesh, Devananda Varaprasad and Convenor Mysuru G. Gururaj were present.

State-level Cross Country Championship held in city

Students take out awareness run against narcotic drugs

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&VNS)- Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA) and Physical Education Teachers' Academy Trust, Mysuru, in association with Palace Sports Club, Mysuru and Perform Sports Academy, Mysuru, had organised Karnataka State Cross Country Championship-2025 and Awareness Run-2025 with the theme 'Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Sports' here this morning.

While the Awareness Run was flagged off from Chamundi Vihar Stadium at 8.30 am by KPCC Member G. Srinath Babu, Cross Country Championship was flagged off by senior athletes Thippavva Sannakki, Prabhakar, Parashivamurthy and Albert from Lalitha Mahal Helipad at 6 am.

More than 800 athletes from various districts took part in the Cross Country Championship which was held for a distance of 10-km for both men and women. The race, which was flagged off from Lalitha Mahal Helipad, passed through Lalithadripura Road, T. Narasipur Road, Sangolli Rayanna Circle, Maharana Prathap Circle, CAR Grounds, Golf Club Road, Tavarekatte Road, before culminating at the Helipad passing again through Lalithadripura Road.

Races were held in several categories including 8-km race for U-20 boys, 6-km for U-20 girls and U-18 boys, 4-km for U-18 girls, 2-km for U-16 boys and girls. Cash prizes worth Rs. 1 lakh, were awarded to the winners in various categories.

Meanwhile, a 4K Awareness Run was held from Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad.

More than 500 students from various schools and colleges took part in the event. The run was organised to create awareness against the use of narcotic drugs and to encourage sports, passed through Shanthaveri Gopal Gowda Circle, Bannur Road, Kurubarahalli Circle, Lalitha Mahal Road, Vidyanagar Police Quarters, before culminating at Chamundi Vihar Stadium. The organisers had provided T-shirts to all the participants.

MDAA President S. Somashekar, Hon. Secretary B. Srikanth and Treasurer M. Umesha, Physical Education Teachers Academy Trust President Dr. C. Krishna and others were present.

RESULTS

10-km race (men): 1. Onkar Rajendra Panhalkar (Bengaluru Urban) - 29:15.7 sec, 2. Karan Gehandule (Bengaluru Urban) - 29:16.8 sec, 3. Guruprasad (Tumakuru) - 29:45.3 sec.

10-km race (women): 1. N.I. Thejaswi (Bengaluru Urban) - 34:44.6 sec, 2. Aradhana (Bengaluru Urban) - 34:52.8 sec, 3. C. Priyanka (Bengaluru Urban) - 35:06.6 sec.

8-km race (U-20 boys): 1. J.R. Kalyan (Bengaluru Urban) - 24:51.7 sec, 2. Akhil Kumar (Ramanagara) - 24:54.6 sec, 3. Shailesh Kushwaha (Bengaluru Urban) - 24:54.8 sec.

6-km race (U-20 girls): 1. Vaishnavi Rawal (Belagavi) - 21:25.9 sec, 2. Shilpa R. Hosmani (Dharwad) - 22:50.1 sec, 3. Tamanna (Bengaluru Urban) - 22:50.5 sec.

6-km race (U-18 boys): 1. Praveen Arjun Arage (Kodagu) - 18:19.9 sec, 2. Chandrashekar Basavaraj (Koppal) - 18:37.9 sec, 3. Laxman Siddappa Hirali (Bengaluru Urban) - 18:50.6 sec.

4-km race (U-18 girls): 1. Nagini (Dakshina Kannada) - 14:41.0 sec, 2. Charishma (Dakshina Kannada) - 14:53.1 sec, 3. Akshra Majukar (Belagavi) - 15:12.6 sec.

2-km race (U-16 boys): 1. Prem Burud (Belagavi) - 5:43.2 sec, 2. Aditya Heggi (Kalaburagi) - 5:44.2 sec, 3. Sofiyan Sudhani Jamadar (Belagavi) - 5:46.7 sec.

2-km race (U-16 girls): 1. Laxmi B. Obbammanavar (Dharwad) - 6:26.7 sec, 2. D. Megha Ashok (Dakshina Kannada) - 6:39.2 sec, 3. Shreya S. Ghanti (Dharwad) - 6:45.8 sec.

Passport Seva Kendra now private silk showroom

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The structure was built after a Government school on Lokaranjan Mahal Road was merged with another nearby institution and the old building was demolished.

The MDA subsequently constructed a new facility at the site, which was officially earmarked for the Passport Seva Kendra and the NHAI office. Correspondence and procedural steps had already been initiated between the departments concerned and MDA for this purpose.

At present, the Passport Seva Kendra functions from the Metagalli Post Office, compelling residents of Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and surrounding districts to travel long distances. The facility is poorly identified, difficult to access and severely congested, prompting authorities to search for a larger and more accessible location.

District Minister's visit

The new building on Lokaranjan Mahal Road was considered ideal for the Passport Seva Kendra. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had inspected the premises after its completion.

There were also plans to shift the NHAI office — currently operating from Ramanagara — to the first floor of the same building. Such a move would have reduced hardship for officials and the public, who are otherwise forced to travel to Ramanagara for highway inspections, land acquisition and related work.

Despite these plans, the building was neither allotted to the Passport Seva Kendra nor to the NHAI and has instead been handed over to a private silk showroom.

Public interest concerns

Officials and civic groups point out that relocating both departments to the facility would have significantly benefited the public by easing congestion at the Metagalli Passport Seva Kendra and eliminating repeated trips to Ramanagara for highway-related matters.

Government guidelines stipulate that public buildings must be allotted to Government departments. The decision to lease the building to private parties has therefore raised questions about transparency, decision-making and adherence to public asset management norms.

Discrepancy in documents

Further concerns have emerged over inconsistencies between official documents. While the rent agreement states that the lease takes effect from Nov. 18, 2025, the date on which the building was handed over to the silk showroom, the work order specifies that rent is payable only after the showroom begins operations following completion of interior work. To address this discrepancy between the rent agreement and the work order, an MDA Assistant Executive Engineer has reportedly submitted a file seeking rectification.

'Passport Office sought rent-free space'

"There was a proposal earlier to hand over the building to the Passport Seva Kendra. However, the passport authorities had approached the Deputy Commissioner seeking a rent-free facility. We have no provision to allot a building free of cost to anyone, even a Government department. Consequently, tenders were invited for leasing the building on three occasions. The silk showroom secured the lease when tenders were called for the fourth time. With the rent now finalised, the authority expects financial returns."

— K.R. Rakshith, Commissioner, Mysuru Development Authority

'Rent dispute the root cause'

"Had the new MDA building on Lokaranjan Mahal Road been allotted to the Passport Seva Kendra and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), it would have greatly benefited the public by providing adequate space, parking and better facilities.

At present, the Passport Seva Kendra functions from the cramped Metagalli Post Office premises. Earlier, it processed around 100 passport applications a day; with rising demand, the number has now crossed 200 daily.

The MDA fixed the rent for the new building at Rs. 1.25 lakh a month. However, the NHAI was willing to pay only Rs. 60,000, and the Passport Seva Kendra took a similar position. As a result of this rent dispute, neither department was allotted space in the building."

— Prathap Simha, Former MP

Mobile Command Centre

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Instead, the vehicle reportedly proceeded to the City Armed Reserve (CAR) headquarters near the Chamundi foothills — where it is usually parked — before being taken off duty for the day.

When *Star of Mysore* sought details on the vehicle, officials stated that the Mobile Command Centre had been stationed at the CAR Police headquarters due to the absence of a driver.

The hi-tech vehicle, designed to function as a fully equipped mobile Police Control Room, was procured specifically to remain on the move and provide live surveillance at sensitive locations, particularly crowded tourist zones. However, it was conspicuously absent from one of the city's most high-footfall and high-security areas during a critical incident.

Deployment concerns

Costing Rs. 2.50 crore, the Mobile Command Centre arrived from Punjab on Jan. 16, 2018. It is equipped with over 20 cameras, including static cameras, body-worn cameras, Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras, wireless detachable cameras and a drone camera — all seamlessly linked to the City Police Control Room.

The system is designed to deliver real-time surveillance and operational support during emergencies, public events and large gatherings.

The vehicle also houses fingerprint units, an anti-sabotage check unit, bomb squad facilities and other advanced features. Its cameras can monitor and record riots, mob attacks or group clashes within a one-kilometre radius. The multi-purpose unit can accommodate up to 30 Police personnel at a time.

Despite these capabilities, the question of why the Mobile Command Centre was not stationed near the Palace — an area with consistently high tourist density — remains unanswered.

Sources said that, as per standard procedure, deployment of the Mobile Command Centre falls under the purview of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order).

The failure to utilise this critical facility during a serious incident in a high-security zone has raised troubling questions about emergency response mechanisms within the city Police.

Tiger mauls forest watcher to death at Bandipur reserve

Incident occurs at 600 metres from Maralahalla Anti-Poaching Camp

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&BCT)- A forest watcher attached to an Anti-Poaching Camp (APC) at Bandipur Tiger Reserve was killed in a tiger attack yesterday near Maralahalla in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district.

Sanna Haida

The deceased has been identified as Sanna Haida (56), a member of the Jenukuruba community from Neralekuppe village in Hunsur taluk. He was on routine patrolling duty along a forest trail, about 600 metres from the Maralahalla APC, when the incident occurred around noon.

According to officials, Sanna Haida was part of a team of four forest watchers engaged in patrol and grass seed collection when a tiger, concealed in the undergrowth, suddenly pounced on him from the thickets.

The animal struck him with its paw, fatally injuring him and dragged his body nearly 15 metres before fleeing after other staff raised an alarm and chased it away. Despite being armed, the team had no time to respond due to the suddenness of the attack.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran said Sanna Haida was accompanied by three colleagues — Girish and Kumar among them — who narrowly escaped the attack. Sanna Haida died on the spot.

Senior forest officials rushed to the location and shifted the body to the Gundlupet Government Hospital, where doctors confirmed his death.

As post mortem facilities were unavailable there, the body was later moved to Chamarajanagar Government Hospital for autopsy, after which it was handed over to the family for final rites at his native village.

A seasoned watcher

Sanna Haida was a seasoned forest watcher who had served for several years at anti-poaching camps in Maralahalla and Olakallare. He had encountered tigers multiple times during patrols and wildlife census operations and was known for his calm demeanour and courage, often reassuring fellow staff.

Colleagues recall his sharp instincts and ability to sense animal presence through subtle signs, making him a valuable member of the forest protection team.

Despite the risks involved, forest patrollers continue to trek 5–8 km daily through dense terrain with limited safety equipment.

Tribal leaders and staff representatives have urged the authorities to provide better protective gear, including noise deterrents such as firecrackers, to enhance the safety of frontline forest personnel.

Watcher's death rekindles debate on staff safety

Tribal leaders seek Rs. 1 crore *ex gratia* as per Forest Minister's announcement

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&BCT)- Forest, Ecology, and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre condoled the death and stated that financial assistance would be provided as per rules.

Khandre

Just three days earlier, Khandre had announced that families of forest staff who die in the line of duty would receive Rs. 1 crore as insurance compensation. Tribal leaders have now demanded that Sanna Haida's family be extended this relief, along with a Government job for one dependent.

The incident has triggered a debate on responsibility and safety. Safari operations in Bandipur and Nagarahole have been suspended since Nov. 8 following protests over tiger attacks on farmers.

Some forest staff believe the sudden suspension may have altered tiger behaviour, potentially increasing risks to patrol personnel. "The tigers were accustomed to vehicle movement; in its absence, they may be more aggressive towards humans," staff members observed.

The incident has left anti-poaching camp personnel anxious, with renewed calls for improved safety equipment and a review of safari policies to strike a balance between conservation and the protection of frontline staff.

While officials said the incident cannot be categorised as a human-wildlife conflict, as it occurred deep inside the forest, senior officers described it as a tragic and unfortunate encounter that highlights the inherent dangers faced by forest personnel working in remote, wildlife-rich areas under challenging conditions.

African Hunting Cheetah dies at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (BCT)- Bruke, a male African Hunting Cheetah, died in the early hours of Dec. 27 at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo).

He was 6 years and 8-months-old and was suffering from meningitis. Bruke had been under veterinary care after refusing food for three consecutive days. Despite intensive treatment by the Zoo's medical team, he succumbed to the illness around 1.30 am.

Originally acquired from the Anne Van Dyke Cheetah Centre in South Africa on Aug. 17, 2020, Bruke had been a part of Mysuru Zoo's conservation and education initiative for over five years.

Stuck...

Woman Cop rescued after leg gets stuck in cow trap

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&DM)- In an unusual incident on Friday, a woman constable was rescued by Fire and Emergency Services after her leg got stuck in a cow trap.

Nalini, a constable from Lakshmipuram Police Station, had attended a routine parade at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Grounds under the supervision of the City Police Commissioner at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

While leaving the grounds after the parade, her right leg became trapped in a metal cow trap at the main gate. Despite her efforts, she could not free it.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel were alerted and arrived promptly, bending the metal strips to widen the opening. Nalini was able to pull her leg out safely, without injury. After some rest, she is expected to return to duty on Monday, said Lakshmipuram Police Inspector B.S. Ravishankar.

Obituary

C. Suresh

Mysuru, Dec. 28- C. Suresh (52), a businessman and a resident of Vivekanandanagar in city, passed away here this morning following brief illness. He was a native of Amachavadi in Chamarajanagar taluk and younger brother of Mysuru Additional SP C. Mallik. He leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage here later this evening.

FOND REMEMBRANCE

It has been two years since we said goodbye to our dearest mom,

Smt. Gowramma

DOB:1943 — DOD: 2023

W/o. Late Mahesh Gowda (Advocate),

Though she is no longer with us, her vibrant spirit and the joy she brought into our lives will never be forgotten. She is deeply loved and missed by her son, daughters, and grandchildren.

Annual Day at City Schools

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The 12th Annual Day Celebration of **KNC Innovative Global School, Hebbal, Mysuru,** was held on Dec. 20 at the Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

The morning session had Dr. J. Shivanand Manohar, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, JSS Medical College and Hospital, as chief guest.

The afternoon session was inaugurated by chief guest Prof. Preeth Padmanabhan Nambiar, renowned author, educationist and humanitarian by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

KNC Innovative Global School Founder Dr. K.N. Chandrashekhar presided.

The celebration featured a variety of cultural performances by the students, including songs, dances and skits, which were well-appreciated by the audience. The event was attended by School Trustee Kavya Bhashini, Principals of the School and College, B. Joseph Frank and K. Tejas, School Co-ordinators, staff and parents.

Wins bronze in Roller Skating

Pavani S. Shetty

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Pavani S. Shetty of Mysuru won bronze medal in 63rd National Roller Skating Championship held at Visakhapatnam recently. Pavani finished third in Road 1 (1 Lap) event in the 15 to 18 years age group of quad category.

She is the daughter of K. Satish and Pushpa residents of Siddhartha Layout. Pavani is training under Adithya S. Rao and M.G. Uma at Elite Roller Skating Association.

MAHABODHI SCHOOL, MYSURU, celebrated its 53rd Annual Day 'Chiguru Habba' at Kalamandira with the theme "One School, Many Culture," portraying India's unity in diversity through colourful performances.

The event was graced by Venerable Bhikkhu Vasetho Bhante, Director, Mahabodhi Monastic Institution, Bengaluru. Distinguished guests included Jikmet Wangdus Jyothi (Member, Karnataka State Minorities Commission & CEO, Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, Mysuru), D. Uday Kumar (DDPI, Mysuru), Col. Siddharth Vatsyan, Technical Advisor of Army, Krishna (BEO, South Zone, Mysuru) and Bharath Kumar (PRO and Project Co-ordinator, Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala).

Bhikkhu Panyabodhi, Bhikkhu Veppo, Dr. A. Annapurna (Principal) and P.R. Dwarakeesh (Vice-Principal), staff, students and parents were present.

Meritorious students were felicitated with Academic Excellence Awards and a School Report video highlighted the institution's achievements and milestones.

Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, conveyed his greetings to the Mahabodhi Society family in Mysuru through a video message. He expressed pride that many students from Arunachal have been a part of this school community, reflecting the true spirit of diversity and unity.

Messages were also shared by Ananda Bhanteji, General Secretary of Mahabodhi Society and Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, who was the chief guest in the morning session, appreciated the school's efforts in imparting not just academic excellence but also moral and spiritual education — a value often missing in today's technology-driven world.

GITA BHARATHI SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE (GSSS HIGH SCHOOL) hosted its Annual Day recently by celebrating the talents and achievements of its students in a vibrant atmosphere of learning and culture.

Addanda Cariappa, former Director of Rangayana, Mysuru, was the chief guest.

In his address, he emphasised the paramount importance of culture over mere academics, underscoring the values of Samskara (values) and Samskruti (culture) as the bedrock of holistic education.

Badriprasadji Pre-University College team stole the show with their powerful performance of Droupadi Vasthrapaharan, a pivotal scene from Mahabharata.

The event was part of Gita Bharathi School of Excellence's Annual Day celebrations, which featured various cultural performances showcasing the students' talents.

JSS PUBLIC SCHOOL, SIDDARTHANAGAR, celebrated its 35th Annual Day on Dec. 23 in the school premises. The event began with invocation by the School Choir, followed by a welcome address by M. Yasha of Class X.

The School Report was presented by B. Latha, Principal; Celebration Report by S. Shimsha of Class X and the Co-Scholastic and Sports Report by M.S. Manvita of Class X.

S.P. Manjunath, Secretary-1, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, in his presidential address, advised students to use mobile phones judiciously.

Chief guest, N. Vishnuvardhana, Superintendent of Police, created awareness about cybercrime, the ill-effects of drugs and the importance of becoming law-abiding citizens.

Guest of honour, Dr. K. Anantharamu, retd. Kannada Professor, University of Mysore, urged students to help their parents and inculcate strong moral values. He also highlighted the importance of Ashtanga Yoga in maintaining physical and mental well-being.

Dharshan Kawad of Class X proposed the vote of thanks. Saakshi S. Nayak, Eesha S. Kashyap, Amulya, and Trisha, compered.

The cultural segment, 'Symphony of Traditions,' was the highlight of the evening. A devotional dance on the origin of Suttur Mutt, vibrant performances by Classes I to IX showcasing diverse Indian and global dance forms, a dynamic karate display and the Grand Finale by Class X, an energetic Indo-Western dance, captivated the audience.

ACHARYA VIDYA KULA (AVK), an ICSE School in city, celebrated Kalasangama-2025, the 28th Annual Day at its Campus.

Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, who was the chief guest, highlighted the duties and values to be upheld by parents, teachers and students to make the process of education meaningful and productive.

The theme for this year's cultural programme was 'Nature - My Teacher.' Students of Kindergarten, Classes I and II and VI to X presented Yoga, classical dances, group songs, an Instrumental Music Orchestra and short skits in English, Kannada and Sanskrit.

Mementoes were presented to teachers and staff, who completed 20 years of service in the school while subject teachers were felicitated for encouraging the students to score Centum in ICSE class X board exam 2025.

The Founding Trust members, Administrator, Secretary, Trust members, Principal, Teachers, Parents, School Alumni members and well-wishers were present.

AIISH hosts National Meet on Hearing Healthcare

Mysuru, Dec. 28- The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, in association with the Mysuru Chapter of the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association (MyISHA), had organised a two-day RCI-approved National Conference titled 'Hearing Horizons 2025' on Dec. 20 and 21 at AIISH, Mysuru.

Around 200 professionals, as well as 150 students and early-career audiologists from various parts of the country attended the Conference, which featured plenary lectures, manufacturer-led technical sessions, hands-on master class training, a recruitment drive, focus group discussions and multiple parallel sessions addressing contemporary issues in hearing healthcare.

Chief guest, Dr. Kalyani Mandke, one of India's earliest private practitioners in audiology, highlighted the evolution of hearing care practice in India and the need for evidence-based, ethical clinical services.

Guest of honour Dr. B. Mohammed Asheel from the World Health Organisation (WHO), emphasised the crucial role of hearing in effective communication and highlighted that hearing aids are essential across the lifespan, supporting speech and language development in children and functional communication, and social participation, in adults and older persons.

Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director of AIISH, emphasised that hearing aid fitting alone does not conclude intervention, particularly in children. She highlighted the importance of post-fitting speech-language therapy and structured auditory habilitation, which are crucial for developing effective speech, language and academic skills, underscoring the need for a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to hearing care.

The organisers of the Conference Dr. M. Sandeep and Dr. N. Devi said that the primary objectives of Hearing Horizons-2025 was to bridge the gap between academic institutions and private practitioners, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange and uniformity in best clinical practices to improve hearing healthcare delivery across the country.

The Conference brought national attention to the increasing burden of hearing loss in India, which affects individuals of all age groups and often remains undetected or untreated. It was emphasised that untreated hearing loss can significantly impact communication abilities, academic achievement, employment opportunities, mental health and overall quality of life.

The Conference strongly underscored the importance of early hearing evaluation and timely consultation with qualified audiologists.

17th edition of BIFFes from Jan. 29 to Feb. 6

Actor Prakash Raj appointed as Film Festival ambassador

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releasing the posters of 17th Edition of BIFFes in Bengaluru recently as Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Sadhu Kokila, Director Tharun Sudhir and others look on.

Prakash Raj

Bengaluru, Dec. 28 (KMS& VNS)- The 17th edition of **Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes)**, organised by Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy and the Department of Information and Public Relations, will be held from Jan. 29 to Feb. 6, 2026, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here recently.

Presiding over the preparatory meeting and releasing the posters, Siddaramaiah said that the State Government had released Rs. 7 crore for the Festival.

Stating that actor Prakash Raj had been appointed as ambassador of the Film Festival — themed on 'Women Empowerment' — he added that the inauguration of BIFFes would be held at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha.

This edition of BIFFes will include competitions in Asian, Indian and Kannada for which over 110 applications have been received till date and the last date for submission of application is Dec. 31. The awards including best films and actors and lifetime achievement awards will be presented during the valedictory ceremony, the CM said.

Meanwhile the screening of movies taking part in the Film Festival will be done at Lulu Mall in Rajajinagar, Dr. Rajkumar Bhavan, Kalavidara Sangha in Chamarajpet and Suchitra Film Society in Banashankari.

The Film Festival will also host various sessions for the academic interactions/ discourse on different aspects of film-making and film appreciation, through seminars, workshops, masterclasses etc., for the benefit of film-making practitioners, discerning audiences and students, the CM added.

Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Research Tools held at EMRC

Mysuru, Dec. 28- A two-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Research Tools was organised by the Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC), University of Mysore (UoM), in association with the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), with support from Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), on Dec. 22 at its EDUSAT Conference Hall.

Delivering the inaugural address, Prof. D.S. Guru, Department of Studies in Computer Science, UoM, emphasised the necessity of using AI tools in research, while cautioning scholars not to depend entirely on them.

He stressed that AI tools should support research and not replace the researcher. He pointed out that most AI tools available today are still in a nascent stage.

Prof. Guru explained that AI is an emerging technology meant to supplement human intelligence, making researchers more efficient, effective and productive. He observed that while AI possesses intelligence, it lacks common sense, which humans must provide by critically evaluating and validating AI-generated content.

Chief guest Prof. H.P. Jyothi, Director, MMTTC, UoM, stressed that the use of AI in research is the need of the hour.

Recalling her own Ph.D journey, she mentioned that she pursued her research in a pre-AI era, relying on traditional methods for literature review and rigorous supervision. She remarked that the present generation of researchers are fortunate to have access to AI and advanced research tools, which she described as game-changers in the research ecosystem.

However, she cautioned that AI cannot replace a good researcher and has its own limitations. Emphasising the importance of human intellect and critical thinking, she concluded by stating that while a Ph.D is a degree, research is a lifelong journey.

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Director, EMRC, said the primary objective of the workshop was to provide greater exposure to AI tools for research scholars. Expressing gratitude to the UoM, RUSA and MMTTC for providing a platform to hold the workshop, she highlighted that EMRC is not only a media production centre but also a research centre and hence there is a need to bridge the gap between research scholars and emerging technologies.

'Puppets can entertain audience in theatre'

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&VNS)- Puppets, being a cultural tool, can attract a lot of audience if used in theatre, said Senior Theatre Director Prasanna.

Speaking at the inauguration of National Puppetry Festival Colloquium organised by Indian Institute of Educational Theatre in association with Astikya Foundation at Hardwicke School premises recently, he said that puppets have been an important social tool for educational sector.

"Puppets can have a deep impact among audience, especially while narrating stories and it can also attract large audience when utilised in theatre. Plays can also be a medium to reduce the burden of books among children. Using puppets will help children learn with fun," he said.

"Children have to be taught about Kuvempu and Bendre among others for which Indian Institute of Educational Theatre has been established. Though the institute has been working from past three years, this is the first time the institute has come forward to work with schools," he added.

Artistes from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Mysuru took part in the workshop.

Programme Director H.R. Cheluvaraju, Puppet Designer Shashidhara Adapa and Senior Theatre Person Rameshwari Verma were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Grandiose

Pronunciation: gran-dee-OHSS (adjective)
Meaning: Grandiose is usually used disapprovingly to describe something that seems impressive or is intended to be impressive, but that is either not possible or practical.
Origin: When it comes to bigness, there's grand and then there's grandiose. Both words can be used to describe something impressive in size, scope, or effect, but while grand may lend its noun a bit of dignity (that is, "we had a grand time"), grandiose often implies a whiff of pretension. The difference between a grand plan for the city park and a grandiose one, for example, might be the difference between a tasteful fountain and a garden full of topiaries cut in the shapes of 19th century literary figures. So if you're choosing between the two, a helpful mnemonic might be that the extra letters in grandiose suggest that one's ideas, claims, promises, schemes, dreams — you get the idea — are a bit extra.
Example: "Henry [VIII] was a leader known for his grandiose presentation, a love of dramatic rhetoric and self-promotion, and a fondness for blaming others. He carefully curated his image, issuing official portraits and closely managing public appearances. His reign concentrated power in one man and his obsessions." —Philippa Gregory, LitHub.com, 29 Oct. 2025

THE ODD WORD

Kakidrosis

Body odour.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Funny Farm

Meaning: The phrase 'Funny Farm' refers to a psychiatric hospital or insane asylum.
Origin: The phrase 'Funny farm' came from the slang use of the word 'funny' to mean unusual or weird, and the description of mentally disturbed people as 'funny in the head.' An early use of the term 'funny farm' can be found in John Knowles' 1959 novel, A Separate Peace: "You might start to believe it, then I'd have to make a reservation for you at the Funny Farm."
Example: "If you don't stop acting so weird, they're going to send you to the funny farm."

QUOTE BOX

True art is characterised by an irresistible urge in the creative artist.

—Albert Einstein

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Misunderstood.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	8	3	7	1	5	9	6	4
7	5	4	9	6	8	3	2	1
8	9	5	3	2	1	7	4	6
3	7	2	6	4	9	8	1	5
1	4	6	5	8	7	2	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Small Indian weight
5 Kohli's IPL side
8 Force unit
12 Working (2,2)
13 Puzzle solver's cry
14 Fishing machine
15 Oklahoma Indian
16 1002 in Roman numerals
17 A titled person
18 A male offspring
19 In reverse
21 Former France coin
23 Original Equip. Manufacturer
24 Being in excess
28 Large container
31 Gathering of hunt
32 Debtor's letters
33 Pedestal part
34 1/100th of a yen
35 Straw man
37 Be in session
38 KGB's Cold War foe
39 Female voice of the lower register
44 National Weather Serv.
47 Shakespearean king
48 Afternoon refresher
49 A unit of weight in ancient China
50 Comp. codes
51 Sturdy tree
52 Greek peak
53 Tides that attain the least height
54 Genetic acid: abbr.
55 Sorrow for others suffering

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

		R	A	T	S		C	R	O	F	T	
R	E	G	A	L	I	A		A	I	D	E	S
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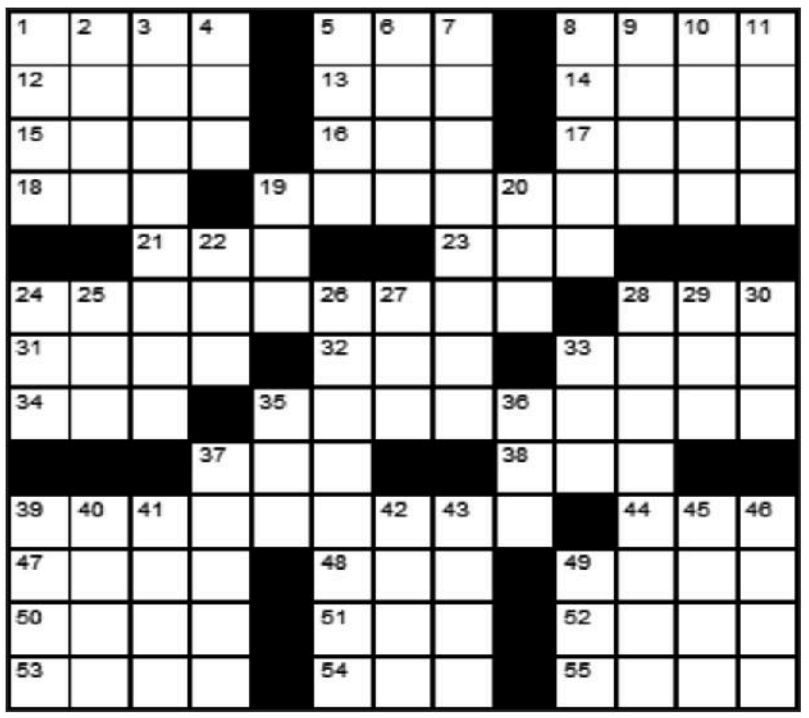
I	D	I	O	M		T	E	N	S			

DOWN
1 New Mexico town
2 Palindromic German
3 Home of wild cat (5,3)
4 Consumed
5 Avatar of Vishnu
6 Stylish
7 Cosmodrome in former Soviet Union - "abour kin" anagram
8 Fantasy
9 Every fourth one will be a leap one?
10 Social flop
11 Old measures of about 115cm
19 Round bread roll
20 Soaked
22 Not in
24 Root mean square, in short
25 Shoe box letters
26 Absolute ruler
27 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
28 Holy city in UP
29 Quite a commotion
30 Haul
33 601 in Roman numerals
35 Knight's title
36 Green prefix?
37 Take off clothes
39 A large family as a group, especially in Scotland
40 Prefix for wine
41 Initials of the American space authority
42 Slender
43 Bangladesh bucks
45 Cricket team __ Indies
46 Assassinate
49 Outdo or surpass



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FGLX IOEHWLH PGKO G BEWLA QSOG WN BPGV

ZWLHVQVMVOH VEMO PGIIQLOHH. QV QH LWV

GVVGQLOS VPEWMAP HOUN-AEGVQNQZGVQWL TMV

VPEWMAP NQSOUQVX VW G BWEVPX IMEIWHO.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: Some people use one half of their ingenuity to get into debt, and the other half to avoid paying it.

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Mark (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am
	(S-2)	6.30 am
	(S-3)	6.30 am
	(S-4)	6.30 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm,
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 6.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.35 am
45 (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10 pm
Sirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Champion (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Anaconda (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	11 am
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.35 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	4.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	8.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	8.45 am, 9.55 am, 12.40 pm 4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	9.10 am, 3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.05 pm, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 3.45 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Champion (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Sirai (Ta)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.10 pm, 5.55, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 2.50 pm 7.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.35 am, 4.45 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	11.50 am, 7 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.20 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 28)

- **Ursu Yuvajana Vedike:** 39th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Dr. Prashanth Urs, Senior Consultant Neonatologist and Paediatrician, Apollo Hospital, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Dharmendra Kumar, historian, chief guest, Puneeth Raje Urs, President, Ursu Yuvajana Vedike, presides, M.A. Srikanth Raje Urs, President, Ursu Mandali Sangha and Hon. President, Ursu Yuvajana Vedike, and others special invitees, Jaganmohan Palace, **4 pm.**
- **Mysuru Mulakanadu Sabha:** Musical Nite in memory of noted cine director late Puttanna Kanagal, **4 pm;** Food Mela, Mulakanadu Bhavan, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Vishwamanava Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha:** Pratibha Puraskar presentation, felicitation to senior members and Kuvempu Jayanti celebrations, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda chief guest, Sangha President K.S. Krishna presides, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium Yoga Mandira, J.P. Nagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Bhajans/ Devaranama by Nrityalaya troupe, Krishnamurthypuram; Dr. Veena Bannanje delivers lecture on 'Srimad Bhagavatha,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Aghaharanandaji will speak on 'Sri Ramakrishnara Pratipadakaragi Swami Vivekananda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kandagal Bharata' by Rangayana, Dharwad, directed by Dr. Prakash Garuda, music by Raghava Kammara, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** S.R. Kumudha Memorial Programme - Veena concert by Vidu. N. Bharathi, accompanied by Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandana Raghava on ghata; S.R. Kumudha Memorial Trust President Nandakumar inaugurates, Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Nritya Samskruti - Dance School:** Nritya Sinchana-2025, Music Feature 'Sarvam Shivamayam (Paramanandada Saarakke Ondu Payana),' accompanied by Vidu. Chandini Manoj on nattuvanga, Vid. M.S. Naveen on vocal, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. Samrudh Srinivas on flute, Mysore Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya & retd. Akashvani Programme Manager Prabhuswamy Malimath chief guests, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of comedy play 'Parameshi Premaprasanga,' written by renowned theatre director Srinivasa Prabhu and directed by Raviprasad, Natana School of Theatre Arts, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99646-56482]
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 29)

- **Maharani's Science College for Women (MSCW):** Inauguration of 5-day Integrated National Workshop on 'Molecular Approaches to Vector-borne Disease Surveillance and Control: From Resistance to Resilience' by MLA K. Harishgowda, MSCW Principal Prof. M. Rahiman presides, Seminar Hall, new building, MSCW, **9.30 am.**
- **Kuvempu Study Chair, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM):** Navodaya Kavyada Oodina Habba, International Seminar, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Sri Kuvempu Vidya Parishat and DeJaGow Trust:** Kuvempu's 122nd Jayanti and Vishwamanava Day celebrations, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Shashidhar Prasad presides, Sri Kuvempu Vidya Parishat President Dr. D.K. Rajendra guest of honour, Nanjangud Government First Grade College Kannada Associate Professor Dr. M. Kempamma speaks about Kuvempu, Sri Vivekananda auditorium, Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **District Industries Centre (DIC) and Khadi & Village Industries Dept.:** Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Programme for unemployed youth, inauguration by Khadi & Village Industries Commission State Director Bangara Nayak and DIC Mysuru Joint Director T. Dinesh, Rotary Ideal Jawa School, JLB Road, **10.30 am to 12 noon.**
- **Sarada Vilas PU College, Krishnamurthypuram:** Valedictory of Students Forum, DDPU M.P. Nagamma chief guest, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President Dr. B.M. Subraya and Hon. Secretary R. Dinesh special invitees, Sarada Vilas PU College Principal C.K. Ashok Kumar presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am.**
- **District Administration:** Vishwamanava Day (birth anniversary of Poet Laureate Kuvempu), District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**
- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) - Kuvempu Research and Extension Centre:** *Rashtrakavi* Kuvempu's 122nd birth anniversary celebrations, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Maharaja's College Kannada Professor T.K. Kempegowda chief guest, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra Composite PU College, Sri Pranamya Educational Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Kala Sambhrama - College Annual Day - Decennial celebrations, Sri Sharada auditorium, Ramakrishna Vidyakendra, **2 pm.**
- **KSRTC Mysuru City Division Kannada Kriya Samiti, Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava and *Rashtrakavi* Kuvempu's birth anniversary celebrations, Transport & Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy inaugurates, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa presides; Musical evening by Nandakumar & troupe of Sanju Melodies, Kuvempunagar Bus Stand, **5 pm.**
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat:** *Rashtrakavi* Kuvempu's and Dr. C. Ashwath's birth anniversary, 'Mareyalagada Mahaniyaru', ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju inaugurates, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guests, Parishat Mysuru District Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy will be present, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha, accompanied by Vid. Venkatesha Josyer on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9 am, 4.15 pm
45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 11.55 am, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 9.40 am, 4.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	12.40 pm, 7.55 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E)	:	12.50 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mark (K)	:	9.15 am, 3.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.45 pm, 6.25, 10.30 pm
45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.55 am, 4.50 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mindiyum Paranjum (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	4.30 pm

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